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Parks Begin to Release Some Crews on the Paradise 2 Fire More Trails Re-open

With ongoing hard work, the 1,297-acre **Paradise 2 Fire** is 97% contained. Efforts to hold the fire within its perimeter will continue today with one Type I crew supported by helicopters dropping water. Over the last few days, fire managers have started releasing some resources that are assigned to the fire. Most of these people and/or crews are immediately reassigned to the large fires in southern California.

Avoid the Confusion – Please be aware that one of the new fires in southern California has been named the Paradise Fire. Located northeast of Escondido, this fire is burning in heavy chaparral fuels driven by Santa Ana winds. It is 15,000 acres and 160 structures have burned.

Fire Use Projects – In addition to the suppression efforts on the Paradise 2 Fire, the parks and surrounding national forests are managing several lightning-caused fires to improve forest health. Out of 14 such fires, only six have shown any fire activity or smoke in the last two weeks.

More Trails Re-open – Trails in the Golden Trout Wilderness of the Sequoia National Forest will be reopened effective tomorrow October 28th, including the main trail from Willow Meadows to the Kern Canyon Ranger Station. Sequoia National Park is also opening the Trail of the Sequoias in Giant Forest. While other trails remain closed to provide for public safety, there are still many hiking opportunities for visitors.

Brief Fire Updates for Active Fire Use Projects:

- **West Kern Fire (Sequoia National Park, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests)** – Located in the Kern Canyon, this fire is 7,957 acres. The main activity continues on the Inyo Forest.
- **Giant Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – Located in Giant Forest, this fire has affected 275 acres. This fire has not grown in size since October 3rd (over three weeks).
- **Williams Fire (Kings Canyon National Park)** – Located near Comanche Meadow, this fire is 3,371 acres and continues to slowly creep to the west.
- **Slide Bluffs Fire (Kings Canyon National Park)** – Located in the middle fork canyon of the Kings River, this fire is 22 acres.
- **East Fork Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – Located in the East Fork Kaweah drainage, this fire is 2 acres.
- **Albanita-Hooker Fire (Sequoia National Forest)** – Located approximately 8 miles northwest of Kennedy Meadows, this wildland fire use project is 4,064 acres. Sequoia National Forest fire managers are taking holding actions on the southwest side of this fire.

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